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the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4 from amino acids 26 to 341; and  
the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4 from amino acids 363 to 380,  
and contacting such combination with a cell expressing at least one chain of IL-

13R other than IL-13bc.

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55. The method of claim ~~54~~ wherein the contacting step is performed by  
administering a therapeutically effective amount of such combination to a mammalian subject.

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56. A method of inhibiting binding of IL-13 to the IL-13 receptor in a mammalian subject, said method comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a composition comprising a protein having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 from amino acids 357 to 383.

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57. A method of inhibiting binding of IL-13 to the IL-13 receptor in a mammalian subject, said method comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a composition comprising a protein having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4 from amino acids 363 to 380.

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REMARKS

Applicants submit that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance. If there are any fees not accounted for that are due in connection with this filing, please charge our deposit Account No. 07-1060.

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